



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 88**

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Senate Bill No. 167

*Senate, March 21, 2016*

The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF EMERGENCY POWER NEEDS  
IN PUBLIC HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) The Commissioner of Housing,  
2      in consultation with the Commissioner on Aging and the  
3      Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, shall  
4      conduct a study of the need for emergency power generators at public  
5      housing for the elderly in the state. For purposes of this section, "public  
6      housing for the elderly" means any building where fifty per cent or  
7      more of the units are rented to persons sixty-two years of age and  
8      older under any program created or financed pursuant to chapter 128  
9      of the general statutes.
- 10      (b) The study shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) An  
11      inventory of public housing for the elderly in each municipality that  
12      includes (A) the total number of housing units, (B) the location of each  
13      housing unit, (C) a description of the type of each housing unit, and  
14      (D) an indication as to whether emergency power generators are

15 provided for such housing units; (2) recommendations for the  
16 provision of emergency power generators; (3) the estimated cost to  
17 provide the recommended emergency power generators; and (4) the  
18 availability of grants for emergency power generators through the  
19 Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security within  
20 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or any  
21 other state or federally funded grant source.

22 (c) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Housing, in  
23 consultation with the Commissioner on Aging and the Commissioner  
24 of Emergency Services and Public Protection, shall, in accordance with  
25 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the  
26 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
27 of matters relating to aging, housing and public safety concerning the  
28 results of the study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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**AGE**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 17 \$</b>	<b>FY 18 \$</b>
Department of Housing	GF - Cost	Up to \$100,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Housing (DOH), in consultation with the Commission on Aging and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, to conduct a study on emergency power needs at certain public housing for the elderly. However, if the bill were to be implemented the one-time cost to DOH would be up to \$100,000 in FY 17. This estimate is based on a recent study conducted by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority on the capital needs of the 14,000 units in the state-sponsored housing portfolio, which cost approximately \$1.0 million.

This study is estimated to impact approximately 200 housing developments, with more than 5,500 housing units in total.

The cost may be mitigated to the extent that DOH coordinates this study with local housing authorities and other government agencies. Local housing authorities may have information on (1) the number of elderly housing facilities in their municipality and (2) the emergency power needs of these housing facilities which could be utilized by DOH in this study.

#### ***The Out Years***

The bill requires DOH to report the results of the study to the

committees of cognizance by January 1, 2017. There is therefore no fiscal impact beyond FY 17.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13      Nay 0      (03/08/2016)